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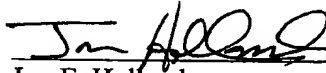
Upon entry of this paper, claims 1-3, 5-19, 23, 28, 30, 31, and 36-47 remain pending in this application and have been allowed via the Notice of Allowance mailed on September 4, 2003. Claim 24 improperly depends from a canceled claim. To correct this error, claim 24 has been canceled herein, and it is believed that this amendment adds no new matter to the present application. Further, it is believed that the foregoing amendment places the application in a better form for issuance and does not affect the allowability of the instant application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment be entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted ,

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